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Fisheries

Income from fisheries sales in Nellore district.

* 308 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the amounts realized by the fishery sales in the Nellore district from the tanks that have been handed over to the Fisheries Department in 1929–30 and 1930–31 and during the two years during which the Public Works Department had the direct control over them last;

(*b*) what is the method according to which sale is conducted—by public auction, tender system or by a secret private arrangement between individuals and the department;

(*c*) if it is by public auction whether it is a fact that in many cases confirmation is made by the department or Government privately of bids other than those that are the highest;

(*d*) whether in certain cases, the auction sale was for one year and the confirmation was for two years and three years at one stretch by private negotiations;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that such negotiations are left completely to the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Mr. Chakrapani Ayyangar, and the Inspector of Fisheries, Mr. Adayya;

(*f*) whether such negotiations are merely oral or are placed on record;

(*g*) whether Government have received complaints about the unsatisfactory nature of some of these negotiations, and if so, what action has been taken on them; and

(*h*) whether the Government have gone into the matter of making satisfactory and unquestionable arrangements with regard to the sale of fisheries, and if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) 1929–30 ... ... Rs. 12,200
1930–31 ... ... Rs. 20,200

Figures for the other two years are not available with the Government.

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(b) & (h) A copy[a] of G.O. No. 339, Development, dated 24th February 1928, issuing instructions regarding the sale of fishery rights in inland waters is placed on the table of the House.

(c) No.

(d) Yes, if two or three years' lease is found advantageous to Government.

(e) Private offers, when made to local officers, are forwarded, if found suitable, to the higher authorities, Government being the authority competent finally to accept or reject such offers.

(f) All private offers are brought to record.

(g) Complaints are received from disappointed tenderers.

Sale of fishery rights of Elundrakondan Periakulam, Srivilliputtur taluk.

* 309 Q.—MR. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) when the sale of fishery of Elundrakondon Periakulam, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district, for 1931 was proposed by the Revenue Inspector;

(b) what was the state of supply then in the tank;

(c) when the sale notice was published in the village;

(d) when the sale was held and for what amount;

(e) whether a re-sale was ordered; if so, with what result; and

(f) if a re-sale was not held, why it was not held?

A.—(a) The sale was ordered by the Tahsildar on 4th February 1931.

(b) There was then a month's supply of water in the tank.

(c) The sale notice was published by tom-tom in Elundrakondan village and adjacent villages from 27th February 1931 to 2nd March 1931.

(d) The sale was held on 3rd March 1931 and it fetched Rs. 205.

(e) & (f) A re-sale was ordered but not held as it was subsequently brought to notice that there was little water in the tank.

Enquiry into the accident to 'Lady Goschen'.

* 310-A Q.—MR. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to place on the table of the House the report of the Port Officer of Calicut on his enquiry into the recent accident to 'Lady Goschen' near Ponnani which resulted in the death of a few Mappilla fishermen and the orders of Government thereon?

A.—The report of the Port Officer was only a report to the Government of India on the preliminary enquiry. The Government are unable to lay the report on the table of the House.

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a Printed as Appendix XVII on pages 164-165 infra.